

Hospice and Palliative Care Resources for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 05/08/20

NHPCO has created this update for hospice and palliative care providers to share recent news and helpful links.

“Courage isn’t having the strength to go on – it is going on when you don’t have strength.”

– Napoléon Bonaparte

Policy Updates

NHPCO Updates the COVID-19 FAQs Grid for Members

NHPCO has updated the COVID-19 FAQs based on the HHS/CMS activity and additional clarity provided. Watch for the version number and the date to ensure you have the latest version. We expect that this document will be critically important to cite guidance after the public health emergency is over to show the MACs and auditors when and where CMS provided guidance on particular issues. To download this updated document, members must:

1. Log into the nhpc.org website
2. Once logged in, [access this member-only page](#)
3. Download the PDF

NHPCO Webinar Series on COVID-19 Government Funding

- **Webinar #1:** Held yesterday, May 7. Recording available exclusively for NHPCO members. Log into the nhpc.org website first and then [follow this link](#).

- **Webinar #2 - May 18: 2:00 to 4:00 pm ET**

Dealing with Multiple Sources of CARES Act Funding (Provider Relief Funding, PPP Loans, Accelerated Payments) and Preparation for Reporting

Description: The program will provide attendees with an increased understanding of provider obligations relating to the various funding streams available to them during this period. To meet their pressing concerns regarding use of funds and preparing for reporting to the funding sources, attendees will be provided with practical guidance in the identification of qualifying charges against the respective revenue sources as well as the avoidance of duplicate charges against those revenue sources.

Faculty: Meg Pekarske and Bryan Nowicki, Husch Blackwell, Mark Sharp, CPA and Aaron Little, CPA, BKD, and Ted Cuppett, CPA, The Health Group.

[Registration now open to all.](#)

- **Webinar #3: June date TBD**
Update on COVID-19 Government Funding and the July Reporting Deadline
More to come.

Resources

Free Grief Resource

The Funeral Service Foundation and the National Funeral Directors Association teamed up to create a new grief resource for families who have been unable to participate in customary funeral or memorial rituals surrounding death due to the pandemic. The free 12-page booklet "[Grieving Alone Together: Responding to the loss of your loved one during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)" is available online.

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CALL TO ACTION – Ask Congress to Include Support for Hospice and Palliative Care in COVID 4.0

Over 1,000 emails have already been sent to Congress urging for the inclusion of support for hospice and palliative in a fourth COVID Emergency Package, currently referred to as COVID 4.0. [TAKE ACTION NOW](#) by sending an email to your lawmaker underlining the need for bereavement support, funding, availability of community-based palliative care, and passage of the Rural Access to Hospice Act (H.R.2594/S.1190) and Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (S.2080). There are also scripts for phone calls and social media posts.

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